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TOPIC ■ Quartering Area of the 18th Mech Div Including Schweinrich TroopTraining Grounds

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1. Between 9 and 26 June 1954, the Artillerie Kaserne (5341) in Perleberg was occupied by a guard detail of about 50 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets and a signal detail of 22 soldiers who wore black bordered black epaulets. Twenty soldiers were daily detached for guard duty at the Spiegelhagen ammunition depot. Lieutenant Colonel Marstaller (fnu) succeeded Colonel Kusnetsov (fnu) as supply officer of Unit Bragin. Colonel Kusnetsov was transferred in late April 1954. 1
2. The Artillerie Kaserne in Perleberg was quiet on 21 June. Since all windows were closed, it was the impression that the installation was very lightly occupied. Tank truck [ ] entered the installation. 25X1
3. On 21 June, about 80 to 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia were seen in the quarters of the Fliegerhorst installation (5342) in Perleberg. No training was observed. The radar station was further improved. It was equipped with 1 Kniferest-type radar set, 2 Fishnet-type sets, 1 Token-type set, 1 two-mast radio station, 4 radio trucks and 4 other trucks. Four tents with a total capacity of 20 men served as quarters for the personnel. No activity was observed in the radar station.
4. Between 9 and 26 June, the Fliegerhorst installation in Perleberg was occupied as previously by the unit of Lieutenant Colonel Ampilov (fnu) with supply officer Captain Melnikov and by the unit of Major Volkov with supply officer Captain Shumelkov. Truck [ ] entered the installation. 25X1
5. On 30 June, the Alte Reiter Kaserne (5321) and Neue Reiter Kaserne (5327) in Parchim were only lightly occupied by an estimated 250 to 300 soldiers and 50 soldiers respectively. Five officers and 3 platoons, each of 35 to 40 soldiers wearing artillery insignia and armed with rapid-fire rifles with fixed bayonets, left 25X1

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Alte Reiter Kaserne. All vehicle sheds of the two installations were closed. Truck [REDACTED] left the installation.

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6. In early June, the Neue Heimat settlement at the intersection of Friedhofsweg and Siggelkower Weg in Parchim was occupied by about 100 soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets and about 80 officers wearing black-bordered red and red-bordered black epaulets and blue and, mainly, green service color. The unit furnished guard personnel for the komendatura on Floerkestrasse in Parchim. Local residents stated that 20 officers arrived at the installation every fourth week and that political courses for political officers were held in a barracks building. Upon graduation from these courses, the officers were allegedly detached to a political school in the Zossen area for a 6-month course. The entire settlement was restricted. An MVD unit was possibly stationed in the settlement. 2
7. On 28 May and 30 June, the Reiter Kaserne (5261) in Ludwigslust was lightly occupied by not more than 300 soldiers. 25X1
8. On 30 June, the Techentin Fliegerhorst (5262) was occupied. Four to 5 T-34 tanks were seen in a shed. Ten soldiers with tank insignia were seen nearby. A radar station consisting of a box-shaped device on a revolving base, 1 Kniferest-type radar set and 4 radio trucks were seen in the area of the former airfield on the road to Karstaedt. Motor vehicles [REDACTED] were seen en route to and from the town. 25X1 25X1
9. On 13 June, the barracks installation in Ludwigslust (5261) was only lightly occupied. No training was observed in the barracks yard.
10. In late June, General Kozikov (fnu), one Cherneshenkov (fnu), technical officer with the division headquarters, and Major Shlyk (fnu), commanding officer of the signal unit of the division, were stationed in the Schweinrich training camp. Major Grukotsev (fnu) was deputy of Lieutenant Colonel Okulov (fnu) who had been on leave since late April. Several units from the camp were allegedly stationed on the Baltic Sea in late June. 3
11. On 31 May, more than 30 trucks were unloaded from each of two trains which arrived from the western direction at the Wittstock railroad station. The trucks, [REDACTED] left toward Schweinrich. At 1800 on 4 June, about 20 trucks, 3 or 4 [REDACTED] cross, were loaded onto a train at the Wittstock railroad station and left toward the west at about 2000. Trucks [REDACTED] were seen. 4 25X1 25X1 25X1 25X1 25X1
12. Troop trains which passed through the Wittstock railroad station and went toward Dranse between 19 and 22 June included:
  - 19 June. At 1045, a train with 12 trucks and 8 mortars.
  - 20 June. At 2145, a train with 25 boxcars occupied by soldiers, 15 guns and 3 trucks.
  - 21 June. At 1045, a train with 12 boxcars occupied by soldiers, 24 AT guns and 24 trucks.

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22 June. At 0805, a train with 5 boxcars occupied by soldiers, 12 boxcars carrying equipment and 19 trucks. 5

- [REDACTED] 13. On 25 June, Camp Schweinrich appeared to be occupied to capacity. About 25 T-34 tanks, 25 to 30 x 85-mm AT guns and 40 to 50 motor vehicles were seen at various parking lots. An undetermined number of soldiers practiced aiming with rifles in the area north of the road from Schweinrich to the camp. Trench positions were seen in this area.
14. Between 12 June and 1 July, exercises with tanks, artillery, mortars, rocket launchers and AT guns were held throughout the day at the Schweinrich training area. The exercises included night firing. The area was cordoned off. On 17 June, the soldiers were granted no town leave. Armored scout cars patrolled the

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1. [REDACTED] In late May, same source reported one Lieutenant Colonel Malazan (fnu) as successor of Colonel Kusnetsov (fnu). [REDACTED]
2. [REDACTED] Comment. An AAA unit, [REDACTED], has been vaguely indicated in the installation. Information on political courses held in the installation is received for the first time.
3. [REDACTED] Comment. Of the officers mentioned, General Kozikov (fnu) is known as commanding officer of the 18th Mech Div and Lieutenant Colonel Okulov (fnu) who was also referred to as colonel, is probably chief of the division headquarters. Major Shlyk (fnu) is apparently commanding officer of the 921st Sig Bn of the 18th Mech Div.
4. [REDACTED] Comment. A medical exercise was presumably held at the Schweinrich training grounds about 1 June. According to previous information, a shipment went from Magdeburg-Sudenburg to Wittstock on 23 May and one train each went from Wittstock to Magdeburg on 2 and 4 June. The train on 2 June carried ambulances.
5. [REDACTED] Comment. According to railroad records, units of the 18th Mech Div were rotated between the Schweinrich training area and Ferleberg during the period mentioned. [REDACTED]
6. [REDACTED] Comment. Observations at the three posts and the Schweinrich training grounds, [REDACTED] indicates that the bulk of the 18th Mech Div was stationed at the Schweinrich summer camp until 7 July. Elements of the division, presumably AAA units, transferred to Mustraw in 3 shipments in mid-June. This movement is confirmed by information in paragraph 10.

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